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1. the following coal stocks expressed in  
 daily requirements were available to the East German railroad between  
 3 and 15 January 1955:

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Railroad District	Date in January						
	3	5	7	9	11	13	15
Berlin	4,8	4,3	4,4	4,3	4,4	4,5	3,7
Chemnitz	8,7	9,4	9,4	9,5	9,3	8,0	7,5
Schwerin	10,2	12,1	12,5	11,5	10,0	9,3	8,3
Magdeburg	3,4	3,0	3,2	3,2	3,6	3,4	3,2
Halle	3,5	4,2	4,1	4,0	3,9	3,6	3,0
Erfurt	3,7	4,5	4,1	4,6	5,0	4,7	4,6
Dresden	4,5	4,3	3,9	3,5	3,4	2,9	2,6
Cottbus	3,0	3,3	3,1	3,4	3,3	3,5	2,7
Total	4,7	5,0	4,8	4,7	4,9	4,4	4,0

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2. the following coal stocks, expressed  
 in tons, were available to the GDR railroads between 3 and 15 January:

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Date in January	Coal for Locomotives		Shop Coal in Terms of	
	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Briquette Units (BU)	
3	19,800	67,300	32,100	
5	22,700	76,400	32,100	
7	25,100	73,200	31,800	
9	24,400	70,000	31,000	
11	24,700	67,700	31,900	
13	23,600	63,200	32,000	
15	21,300	55,100	31,700	

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3. The following data on coal stocks and coal consumption  
 between 6 and 11 January:

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	Date in January			
	6	8/9	11	
Hard coal (tons)	24,003	24,420	24,713	)
Briquettes (tons)	75,701	70,088	67,778	)
Coal dust (tons)	525	633	514	)
Raw brown coal (tons)	20,112	17,853	16,419	) 2
Coal slurry (tons)	7,078	6,730	6,440	)
Totals (BU)	127,354	121,222	118,370	)
Day's requirements	4,9	4,7	4,9	) 1
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Date in January	Daily Requirements
16	3,7
17	3,4
18	3,3
19	2,9

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1. Comment. Compared to the last reported status of 5 January for which 5 days' requirements were recorded, total coal stocks decreased by 1 days' requirement on 15 January. It is noteworthy that the coal situation in the RBDs with heaviest traffic is most critical. The overall coal situation of the GDR railroad continued to be critical although the volume of traffic usually decreased in January and February.
2. Comment. Total coal stocks on 11 January amounted to 118,370 tons (BU). The hard coal proportion of total coal stocks, which, on 5 January, was 28 percent decreased to 21 percent.
3. Comment. During the reported period, 97,677 tons (BU) of coal were supplied and 102,278 tons (BU) were consumed.

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